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**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OPERATING VARIABLE OPTICAL ATTENUATOR
BY MODULATING THE ATTENUATION THEREOF**

the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understood the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to me which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §§1.56(a) and (b).

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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